



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## News Release

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### **PUC HOSTS JOINT CONFERENCE ON ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT IN CALIFORNIA**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26, 2005 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced it will jointly host an energy infrastructure and investment technical conference with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the California Energy Commission (CEC), and the California Independent System Operator (ISO).

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 2, 2005, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** PUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco  
The meeting will also be accessible via audio and video webcast at [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov) and through a toll-free call-in number: 877-345-0241, passcode: 92105.

**WHY:** The purpose of the conference is for FERC and state officials to discuss with industry representatives the current and future state of infrastructure development and investment in California.

**WHO:** Commissioners of the PUC, FERC and CEC, and executives of the ISO - Please see agenda below.

The conference will be an informative discussion to clarify how all parties can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for California.

Although registration is not a strict requirement, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference by close of business on May 31, 2005 at:

<http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/infra-06-02-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available through FERC from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-266-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on FERC's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript.

If special arrangements are needed for those attending the conference, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY 415-703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) at least three days prior to the event.

For more information on the PUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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### **Conference Agenda**

California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Ave  
San Francisco, California

June 2, 2005

9:00 - 9:45 A.M. - Opening Remarks and Introductions:

Chairman Pat Wood, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, FERC

Commissioner Joseph T. Kelliher, FERC

President Michael R. Peevey, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Commissioner Dian Grueneich, CPUC

Commissioner John Bohn, CPUC

Commissioner Susan P. Kennedy, CPUC

Chairman Joe Desmond, California Energy Commission (CEC)

Commissioner John L. Geesman, CEC

President and Chief Executive Officer Yakout Mansour, California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO)

9:45 - 10:00 A.M. - Presentation: Current Infrastructure and Supply and Demand

Jeff Wright, Office of Energy Projects, FERC

10:00 - 10:45 A.M. - Presentation: Grid Operations and Transmission Expansion Planning

Jim Detmers, Vice President of Grid Operations, CAISO

CAISO outlook for 2005 and 2006

CAISO grid operations

Seasonal import/export considerations and coordination

Magnitude and variability of system and localized constraints

Generation deliverability

10:45 - 11:00 A.M. - Break

11:00 - 12:30 P.M. - Roundtable: Supply and Demand Side: Investment and Infrastructure

This panel will address the regulatory and market structures needed for an end-state market that provides signals for investment.

After remarks by the opening panelist, other panelists will each have an opportunity to give a prepared 3 minute presentation. With the completion of all presentations, there will be an opportunity for question and answer and panel discussion.

Panelists should address:

Projected California Resource Additions for 2006-2010 -- Who is building?

Technology and Communications infrastructure to incent Demand Response

Renewable Energy Resources

Conventional Generation

Capacity markets

How do capacity markets contribute to a stable investment environment? Are capacity markets facilitating investment in other regions of the United States?

Current Investment Climate

What is the perception of California from Wall Street as it relates to investing in generation resources?

Credit and Contracting

What are appropriate/standard credit requirements on contracts for physical generating facilities?

How should requirements vary depending on the seller's financial condition?

Should credit requirements for energy-only contracts differ from credit requirements for contracts for physical generating facilities? If so, how?

Are there standards developing in the market of which parties should be aware?

Panelists:

Steven Stoft, Consultant to the CPUC

Mike Florio, Senior Staff Attorney, The Utility Reform Network

Gary Ackerman, Executive Director, Western Power Trading Forum

Brian Chin, Energy Merchant Equity Analyst, Smith Barney Citigroup

Steve Schleimer, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Western Region, Calpine

Pedro Pizarro, Vice President of Power Procurement, SoCal Edison

Brian Silverstein, VP, Operations & Planning & Chief Engineer, Bonneville Power Administration

Curtis Kebler, Vice President, U.S. Power Trading, Goldman Sachs & Co.

12:30 - 1:30 P.M. - Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 P.M. - Roundtable: Transmission

After brief presentations by the opening three panelists describing the role of their respective agencies in the transmission expansion and planning process, other panelists will each have an opportunity to give a prepared 3 minute presentation. With the completion of all presentations, there will be an opportunity for question and answer session and panel discussion.

Panelists will address:

Who is building and why?

What are the biggest hurdles to expansion and what are the ways to overcome them?

Ownership: individual or joint and implications for cost recovery

Who is funding: private/public partnerships?

Does the availability of long term rights impact investment?

The role of the CAISO and the impact of the CAISOs TEAM

Cost recovery

Panelists:

Armando J. Perez, Director of Grid Planning, CAISO

Tom Flynn, Deputy Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, CPUC

Don Kondoleon, Manager, Transmission Evaluation Program, CEC

David Parquet, Vice President, Babcock & Brown Power Operating Partners, LLC

Steve Metague, Director of Electric Transmission Rates, PG&E

Christopher J. Leslie, Executive Director, Macquarie Securities (USA) Inc.

Jerry Smith, Electric Utility Engineer, Arizona Corporation Commission

Jim Avery, Senior Vice President of Electric Transmission, SDG&E

Nancy Day, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation

3:00 P.M. - Closing